

How to create a zone?

This article contains the information about how you can create a zone in Openprovider.

Question :

How do I create a zone in Openprovider ?

Answer :

You can create a zone in two ways :

1. [Via Reseller Control Panel \(RCP\);](#)
2. [Via API](#)

Creating a zone via Reseller Control Panel (RCP)

There are 2 options how to create a zone via the Reseller Control panel

1. Via *DNS management*
2. Via *Domain detail page*

1. Via *DNS management*

- Go to **DNS Management > Zone Overview**
- Select the nameserver which you want to use.
This can be the Openprovider nameserver or the Premium Sectigo DNS nameserver. Want to know more about Premium Sectigo DNS, click [here](#)!
- Fill in the domain and the extension.

Add DNS zone

You can add two types of nameservers: 'master' and 'slave'. To quickly configure a master nameserver, choose a default template.

DNS Provider

☒ Openprovider Standard DNS Free
Your zone will be created on Openprovider's basic, free of charge nameservers.

☐ Sectigo DNS €-5,34 € 3,55/per year Premium
Improved performance, accessibility and security with our Premium DNS service powered by Sectigo. [Learn more](#) or visit our [FAQ](#)

Domain name
example.com

Type DNS zone
Master

Domain zone
com

Use DNS template
No template

Go to next step: define records

- Choose the type of nameservers you want to use (Master or [Slave](#)) , here you have the option to choose a [template](#), or make a completely new zone from scratch.
- In the next step, you can start to define the records you need
- Once finished, click **Add DNS zone**.

Add DNS zone

You can configure the DNS zone with a wide range of record types. An explanation of all those record types can be found in the [Knowledge Base](#). In case you are asked to add a @, you can leave the field empty. Our system doesn't accept @ signs.

Domain name	example.com			
Type	Master			
DNS provider	Openprovider			
Spam filtering	☐ Enable € 0.99 per month Selecting this option will create a new entry in your bundle for spam filtering, based upon the MX records you provide. The MX records will be replaced by the MX records of the spam filter servers.			

Name	Type	Content	Priority	TTL
example.com	SOA	ns1.openprovider.nl dns		1 day

[+ Add record](#)

[Back to previous step](#) [Add DNS zone](#)

- Not sure what type of records to enter, have a look [here](#) !

2. Via Domain detail page

When you are registering or transferring a domain, you will be asked in the last step to define the nameserver you want to use. If you select the openprovider or Sectigo DNS nameservers, the system will automatically create a new zone, only containing the SOA and NS record.

You can also select a [template](#) here (optional), in order to create your zone in a pre-defined format. Be aware - this will not overwrite any zone and therefore will only work when there is no existing zone yet.

Nameserver settings

Define the nameservers in which the domain has been configured.

Nameserver group	No nameserver group ✓ Nameservers of Openprovider Premium DNS by Sectigo Nameserver group
DNS template	Choose dns template 

A DNS template is a pre-defined format of a DNS zone. You can define multiple DNS templates, for example when managing multiple servers. Learn more about it [in this article](#). In case of a non-existing DNS zone, create a new zone based on the following template:

Creating a zone via API

DNS Zone can also be created via Openprovider API.

Checkout [this link](#) to know more!

NOTE: Please review the Terms and Conditions of Openprovider DNS service [here](#) before creating new zones for **external** domains.

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